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## STRAY SHOTS

Topics of Interest. Here, There, and Everywhere.

Just what the relations are between Governor Hastings and Senator Quay is a thing that no fellow can find out. One day, according to the papers, they are at sword's points, and the next they are the best of friends. Not long ago Quay announced that he would retire from public life at the expiration of his present term, and immediately it was reported that Hastings would be a candidate to succeed Quay in the U. S. Senate. Then Quay changed his mind and said he wanted another term, which was supposed to be a move to knock the Governor out. Now Quay says he is going to leave the country for an eight month's trip abroad, and the Hastings boom has appeared again, but the latter says he is not a candidate. It is hard to tell what all this juggling means.

S. N. Walker has been court stenographer for this district for twenty-two years. He has been an efficient, capable and industrious official, and is known as one of the most accurate short hand reporters in the state. Last week it was announced in the papers that he had resigned, but Mr. Walker won't have it that way. He says he has been discharged by the court, so far as he knows without cause or provocation. Here is the order of the court dismissing him:

"Now August 2, 1897 the order heretofore made appointing Prof. S. N. Walker stenographer of the civil courts of this 26th Judicial District of Pennsylvania is annulled and J. D. Howrey Esq., of Danville, Montour County, Pa., is appointed such stenographer in the place and stead of said Walker. This appointment and order to take effect and go into operation on Monday the 27th day of September A. D. 1897.

E. R. IKELER,  
Pres. Judge."

This seems like short notice to a man who has held the position satisfactorily for twenty-two years, and who though still young enough to perform its duties, is too old to begin anew in some other business. And yet there are always two sides to every question, and the court may have very good reasons for this action, though no reasons appear upon the record.

Mr. Howrey is an efficient stenographer and assisted in taking testimony in the Wintersteen trial. He has filled the position of private secretary to R. B. Polk of Danville, and is the Democratic Chairman of Montour Co. committee.

Andree, who started for the north pole a few weeks ago, has not been heard from yet, and probably never will be. It does seem as though this foolhardiness will never cease. Every few years somebody goes out on an expedition to find the north pole, and later on somebody else goes out to hunt for him. What are they going to do with the north pole when they get it? Of what benefit would its discovery be to the world? All this expenditure of money and loss of life is utterly useless. The regions explored are barren, and inhabitable only by ice-bergs and polar bears.

The campaign just ended for county offices was one of the quietest on record. There was but little interest manifested and the vote was light. James I. Campbell, one of the candidates for associate judge, adopted the plan of remaining at home, and has learned that in this county a man who wants an office must ask for it, and call loud. It is no doubt a commendable plan, and it would be a blessing to the people and to the aspirants for office, if all candidates would agree not to canvass for votes. But it never has been so, and probably never will be.

General extravagance is one of the crying evils of the day. There is extravagance in the administration of the government in the multiplying of offices in paying enormous salaries, in erecting magnificent public buildings, in giving millions of dollars in pensions to people who have no right to them. When the treasury is thus depleted, congress meets and upsets the business of the country by spending months in endeavoring to devise some means to raise money to pay the bills. If they would put a stop to this squandering of the people's money it would do the country more good than tariff bills to raise money to be thus squandered.

The extravagance of corporations

has done more to cripple them than a lack of business. Railroad companies that have not paid dividends in years, can find money for the erection of stations costing millions of dollars, and to pay their officials a fortune every year in salaries. No individual can prosper if he spends more than he earns, neither can a corporation. The secret of success is in keeping expenses within receipts, and this many of the railroads are not doing. They add to their properties, borrow the money to do it with, and as it takes all they earn to pay interest on the debt they say they can't pay dividends, and thus an immense amount of money that ought to be put in circulation every year is tied up, and this helps to cripple business and is one of the many causes of stagnation in trade. By extravagance they put themselves in such shape that they can't pay dividends, and then say they can't pay dividends because business is slack. The Lehigh University at South Bethlehem, endowed by Asa Packer with \$1,500,000 in Lehigh Valley railroad stock, asked the legislature for \$150,000, and got it, on the plea that unless they could get this assistance the institution would have to be closed, as their income from this stock had ceased. Within a few years most of the railroads in the country have been in the hands of receivers. Of course, it is not extravagance alone that has caused this, but that is one of the leading elements.

The barn that was burned last week Wednesday night was on the farm owned by N. U. Funk and Mrs. M. E. Ent jointly. There were in the barn about 800 bushels of wheat, 50 tons of hay, and a few bushels of oats. About 800 bushels of old corn in a crib near the barn were also burned. The stock consisting of seven horses and nine cows were rescued, but the harness, all the wagons but one, and all the farming implements belonging to Mr. Leighow, the tenant were destroyed. The latter had \$900 insurance on grain and implements, and Mr. Funk and Mrs. Ent had some insurance but not enough to cover the loss. When it looked as though the house would burn too, Mr. Funk's son Elwell came down to town on his bicycle to get the firemen and steamer to go up, but as the property is outside the town limits, it was first necessary to obtain an order from the President of Council, and by the time this was done and the steamer reached there, the danger was over. The owners of the property feel very grateful to the Espy people whose efforts saved the carriage house, and probably the residence. They came down in numbers and worked nobly, some of them remaining until nearly morning to watch the smoldering ruins and prevent any new outbreak. But few people went up here, as they did not know where the fire was until it was burned out, and all danger was past.

## OLD STAMP PLATES DESTROYED.

The Accumulation of Fifty Years Melted Down.

The last 15,000 pounds of plates from which in years gone by the postage stamps of the United States were printed, were destroyed at the Navy Yard on Thursday. For half a century these plates had been accumulating until the time came when the Post Office Department desired to get rid of them all at once, so Postmaster General Gary appointed a commission to superintend the operation, and the plates were melted up in a furnace and cast into pig iron.

"It would make the heart of a thorough philatelist sick," said Major J. H. Reeves, chief of the stamp division, "to see all these plates go to waste. If a stamp collector could take but one impression from each one of these plates it would make him independently rich."

Last Saturday afternoon while the delegate election was in progress, the voters in the third district at the Town Hall were entertained with music. There happened in town an Italian gentleman with a hand organ, and Register and Recorder C. B. Ent took up a collection and sent him up to play at the polls for half an hour. Those present stood it as long as they could, and then took up another collection to induce the musician to cease.

The contract of furnishing the prizes for the bicycle races to be held by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen was awarded to Hess Bros., and they can now be seen in their show windows.

## MRS. CATHERINE BARTON.

Mrs. Catherine Barton, the oldest resident of Espy, and perhaps of this county, died at her home in Espy, Saturday evening August 7th at 9 o'clock after a lingering illness of some months, in the 94th year of her age. Her death was due to the infirmities of age, which encroached gradually on her vitality till death ensued. She was born near Trenton N. J. Jan. 5th 1804. She came of a worthy ancestry. Her grandfather was a captain in the War of the American Revolution and her father a colonel in the war of 1812. Her grandparents and parents removed to central Pennsylvania when she was a child, and settled near Catawissa, being among the earliest settlers. Later they moved to Danville. Catherine Brewer was one of the first members of the first Sunday school at Danville. She was one of the first teachers in the first Sunday school at Bloomsburg. She married Cyrus Barton Nov. 23, 1826 and removed to Espy two years later. She was the principal organizer of the first Sunday school at Espy in 1828. In early life she was an Episcopalian, but later became a member of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Barton comes from a long lived family, in which has been celebrated four golden weddings. Two sisters, Mrs. Louisa Brobst, and Mrs. Elizabeth Quick of Knoxville, Iowa survive her. Her sister Mrs. Sarah A. Thompson died the same week. Mrs. Thompson passing away from her home in Iowa on Monday evening, Mrs. Barton at Espy upon Saturday. The life of Mrs. Barton has been nearly that of the 19th century. Old residents say that when they were iads they remember Mrs. Barton as a mature woman, a leader in social and church life. She has witnessed all the progress of this 19th century. She was a woman who made it a practice to keep informed on all current events, and watched the changes and the great progress of the century most intelligently. Mrs. Barton retained her interest in public affairs and in the political news of the day until within a few months of her death. At last after a life of eminent christian usefulness, God has called her home. She leaves six children, men and women of worth and influence, twenty grand children, well started in life, and eleven great-grand-children to mourn her death.

She was the mother of Henry Barton of Lime Ridge; John H., and William A., of Hazleton; Mrs. Annie E. Adams of Delaware, Ohio, Mrs. F. B. Englehart of Evansville, Indiana, and Miss Alice of Espy, all of whom were present when she expired. Another son, Frank, died a few months ago. She was an aunt of Mrs. A. A. Butler and N. W. Barton of this town. The funeral was held on Tuesday, and the remains were buried in Creveling Cemetery.

The United Evangelical Church (Waller Cir.) will hold a campmeeting in the fine "Crystal Spring Grove," near Unityville, Pa., to begin Aug. 17th, 1897, to continue eight days. All needed arrangements are being made to meet the wants and add to the comfort of the many who will attend this meeting. The "Crystal Spring" yields an inexhaustible supply of the best water. Good boarding will be furnished at very low rates. Good, roomy, double-covered, cloth tents, can be had for \$2 rent, (for floors 50 cents extra). A most cordial invitation is extended to all Christian people to tent with us. For tents, or any other information apply to the pastor.

REV. S. SMITH,  
Box 107, Guava, Pa.

The organ in the Episcopal Church is still for sale. It was believed that a customer had been found in a church in East Berlin, Conn., as a committee who came to see it was very much pleased, but on his return home it was found that the organ is too large for their organ chamber, and that either the organ or part of the church would have to be rebuilt, which would be quite expensive, and so the deal has fallen through. If there is a church in Columbia County that needs a good organ at a nominal price, here is a bargain.

## Methodist Episcopal Church

All the regular services will be held in the Methodist Tabernacle next Sunday. There will be preaching both morning and evening by Rev. W. E. Vandermark of the Central Pa. Conference.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday night. President W. R. Kocher and members Gorrey, Hower, Kelley, Richards and Supplee were present.

James C. Brown appeared for the School Board, presented a profile, and asked Council to vacate a portion of Anthony alley at the Third Street School property, in consideration of which the School Board will dedicate to the town an alley sixteen and a half feet wide and an additional five feet to the alley laid out by Mr. Neyhard making it twenty feet wide.

Mr. Supplee moved that Council accept the proposition providing the School Board grade and make the alley passable. Seconded by Mr. Gorrey and carried. The solicitor to prepare an ordinance in accordance therewith.

The matter of cobbling of the gutter on East Third street was referred to the Street Committee.

A request was made to have the gutter cobbled at the Reformed church on Third street, and the boxes which carry the water across Iron at Third were reported in a bad condition. The President suggested that they be looked after before winter set in and put in proper shape.

H. G. Supplee stated that the road on Sixth street at the Grange store seems higher than the sidewalk, and if the Street Committee or Town Engineer find it too high he will take the top off at his own expense.

Drs. H. Bierman, J. W. Bruner, T. C. Harter and W. H. Purman, physicians of Bloomsburg, and owners of bicycles, ask the privilege of riding over the side walks of the town between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. when the streets are not in fit condition by reason of rain for riding on the wheel, each physician to hold himself individually responsible in case he injure any person by so riding.

No action was taken on the above, the Council apparently overlooking it in the discussion of other business.

A petition signed by numerous citizens was presented asking for a street light at intersection of Eighth and Iron streets. Referred to Light Committee.

The committee who were to attend to the Leonard street matter were not ready to report.

Bills were presented and the Secretary directed to issue orders for the same as follows:

*Elk Run Stone Co., cross-	
ing stone.....	\$114 84
Water Co., for five hydrants	90 84
Water Co., water at Hall...	4 83
Water Co., repairs.....	1 50
Moyer Bros., cement.....	1 50
P. K. Vannatta, painting	
fountain, &c.....	6 25
I. Hagenbuch, 2 mo. Health	
Officer.....	20 00
Electric Light Co., for light	400 00
Harman & Hassert repairs	1 18
G. B. Martin, smithing, &c.	13 35
Farmers National Bank, de-	
posit box.....	2 50
B. & S. RR. Co., freight on	
stone.....	6 38
Fred Neyhard, work on	
Light St. road.....	28 88
Samuel Neyhard, plow points	
unloading pipe, plowing &c	38 81
Secretary of Board of Health	
\$ mo.....	40 00
A. Shultz, chief police....	40 00
G. F. Quick, Secretary....	15 00
R. N. Lyons, police service	1 25
J. R. Stout, " " " "	1 25
F. P. Baum, killing dogs and	
arrests.....	4 50
F. Drake, police service...	1 75
Geo. Shultz, police and 3	
meals.....	1 00
Alfred Bowen, police service	1 25
Wm. Lloyd, killing dogs...	2 00

\*The freight is to come off this bill. C. W. Neal appeared and asked that Council fulfill the part of an agreement made by a former council in putting down a crossing over Wood Street on East Fifth, as he had put his pavements down on either side. Referred to street committee.

Samuel Neyhard asked that a portion of Brugler alley be cut down on the north side so that in wet weather they can get in and out without wearing gum boots. Referred to street committee.

The Sterner damage case was spoken of and Council is of opinion that the sum asked \$1200 is too much, and likewise the sum of \$500 asked by the Mears people.

It having been reported to Council that R. N. Lyons one of the policemen is working out of town, on motion duly seconded and carried he is removed from said position.

In the matter of the exoneration of the Tube Works from taxation, the

## JULY Reductions

Do you expect to travel. We've a large and complete assortment of Trunks, Telescopes and Valises at all prices. A Good Trunk \$2.50 and up.

Means great savings to Suit Buyers. You shouldn't hesitate long about buying suits at present prices. We've about 120 Suits that are strictly all wool and fast color in light, dark and medium colors; also pin checks and color plaids, some sold at \$6.50, some \$7.50 and others as high as 9 and \$10, but we're cleaning up the season's broken sizes, hence any suit in the lot for

### \$5.00.

This is probably the greatest Suit Bargain this or any other store in the county has ever put out, and if you value money you'll join the throng of buyers this week. Of course the better and best suits are here for the men or boys' in all the popular mixtures and plain blue or blacks at 7 50, 10, 12, and \$15.

Every Straw Hat in the store at absolute cost to close out.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR and all other outfittings are here.

## Gidding's

Negligee Shirts at Reduced Prices. Sweaters, Belts, etc., all reduced to make room.

President is authorized to obtain an opinion from the Solicitor.

Bids were now opened for the disposal of the \$15,000 four per cent Town Bonds as follows:

Heyl & Major, Phila.....	101.89
E. C. Jones & Co., N. Y.,...	103.19
Saylor & Stevenson, Phila.,...	101.77
Dick Bros. & Co., Phila.,...	102.89
Hay & Sons, Cleve., for lot \$15,157.00	
Jones & Co. being the highest bidders were awarded the bonds.	

## BASE BALL.

The game on Friday between the home team and Williamsport was a peach, from a Bloomsburg standpoint. Howard Luckey, an Eastern Leaguer, now pitching for Tamaqua was in the box for our boys and his work, taking it as a whole, was the finest ever witnessed on the home grounds. He had the opposing batters standing on their heads all through the game and but twenty-nine faced him, something very unusual in base ball these days. On the other hand, the lumber city twirler was an easy mark and his delivery was batted hard and often. At the end of nine innings ten blue jays had counted while only one Williamsporter got as far as third base, and that solitary one had to die there. Score:

R. H. E.  
Bloomsburg—3 0 1 0 0 5 0 0 1—10 12 0  
Williamsport—0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—4 4 4  
Batteries Luckey and Patchen, Lloyd and Hickey. Umpire Hagenbuch.

Bloomsburg's pennant chasers met defeat at Milton on Saturday by a score of 5 to 2. It is said that Hepting pitched a very good game, but one or two disastrous errors and a rank decision on the part of the umpire did the work.

The Lock Haven coal heavers met the locals at Athletic Park on Monday and were defeated in hollow style. Only six hits were made off of Everson, who used a slow medicine ball all through the game, and all the visitors could do was to hit the ball up in the air. Bloomsburg's outfield had thirteen put out. Score:

R. H. E.  
Bloomsburg 2 2 0 2 4 1 0 0 0—11 13 1  
Lock Haven 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—4 8 4  
Batteries, Everson and Chamberlin;

Shaffer, Sperline and Ritter. Umpire, Forred.

## DIAMOND CHIPS.

Pennant! McNeely left us last week. Everybody feels bad. Nit. Kelly has been appointed a National League umpire. When will wonders cease? Holloway is putting up a nice game at short. Good boy Tommy, keep it up.

Wandering Willie is getting his bumps these days. He hasn't won but one game since he joined Milton the last time.

If we could only have Lucky to keep, we would be so far ahead in two weeks that Sunbury couldn't see us.

Shamokin has taken a great brace, and is putting up a first class article of ball just now.

Every one is wondering how Kelly happened to be called by Nick Young as a National League umpire. Surely his performance in Bloomsburg didn't merit such an appointment. About two weeks ago he officiated here when the home and Shamokin were disputing honors. In the fourth inning the score was 11 to 3 in favor of the locals. A visiting batter hit a ground ball to the infield and was thrown out at first by four yards, but Kelly said safe. Messerly called the umpire's attention to the fact that the man was out by several yards, when Kelly said "you fellows are too far ahead." Whether or not this had anything to do with his securing his recent appointment we are unable to say.

Two young men while training for the bicycle races on the fair ground Friday evening ran into each other. Charles Sterling had his wheel broken to splinters and received several ugly scratches on the face. The other fellow William May fared better, his wheel being considerably heavier was not damaged at all, and he escaped without any injuries.

J. J. Fox, a well known resident of Unityville, whose leg was amputated on Wednesday of last week, in order that his life might be saved, died on Friday. The deceased was seventy years of age. The funeral took place on Sunday and was largely attended.